

ALBANY.

"I pray thee, Hal, no more of that an' thou lov'st me"
Twelfth of the Roses.
 "And came I not at last to comfort you?" *Cowper.*
 "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is
 To have a thankless child!" *Bay State Melodist.*

To all persons to whom these presents shall come, send greeting:

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas it has long been a matter of doubt, and much diversity of opinion has existed, as to whom lawless officers who dared to strike "Billy Patterson,"—a deed without a name, and committed in derogation of constitutional law and in contempt of our authority. And whereas, after due and diligent search, our trusty and well-beloved officer did make discovery of the fact and him did take into custody; and whereas the said lawless persons, principally persons of color, conspired and confederated together for the purpose of opposing, by force, the execution of the laws; and whereas he did overcome the said officer, and rescue from his custody the said culprit so charged with the as-

Now therefore, to the end that the authority of the laws of the country may be maintained, and those concerned in violating them brought to immediate and condign punishment, I have issued this my Proclamation, calling on all well-disposed citizens (and particularly upon the petticoated portion of the land) to rally to the support of the laws of the country, and requiring and commanding all officers, civil and uncivil, to be aided in the executing in quelling and unruly combinations—to the end that all such combinations may be speedily suppressed, and all persons who may be executed, and the author of the said daring outrage upon Billy Patterson may be executed ALSO: and further, to the end that all the great measures of compromise may be preserved inviolate.

which being interpreted is,
 "I take no step backward,"
 or as our trusty Counsellor, Gen. Foote, would
 translate:
 "For Sombardman has received a blow,
 And Chrononhotonthologos shall die."

Signed with our hand, standing as we do astride

MAISON & DIXON'S line, this 18th day of February 1881.

[L s] ELIZABETH PARTINGTON.
THE PRINCESS RUSTY-FUSTY, Sec'y.

Free School State Convention.
A State Convention of the friends of Free Schools will be held at Union, on Wednesday, 28th

Schools will be held at Chelmsford, Essex, on Monday, 10th, at which it is hoped there will be a full attendance. A Call has been issued by the State Central Committee urging the importance of the Free School principle, and embodying the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we deem it both just and necessary that

our laws be revised, as to make it obligatory on assessors to fix their estimate of property, real and personal, at its cash value, and that such penalties as would be reasonable should be imposed by law on all persons concealing their property from assessors, and thereby defrauding the State of its sources of revenue.

Resolved, That for school purposes, there should be raised by statute an amount of money equal to the sum annually apportioned from the income of the State School Fund—that a county tax should be levied in each county, equal to

twice the amount which the county receives from the State School Fund, (the town tax being no longer obligatory) and that an annual poll tax of fifty cents should be levied on each adult male person in the State, except that alien shall not be so taxed till they shall have been six months in the State.

Resolved, That we believe it to be equitable and expedient that one-half of all the public money received by each town, should be divided equally among the several school districts, and the other half as now, according to the number of scholars.

Resolved, That we are opposed to abolishing the office of town superintendent; but we believe that great benefit would result from having an assembly district, or county district, as called, as well as to those which are entire.

superintendit, not for examining teachers and schools, but for receiving and condensing town and district reports and forwarding them to the Department of State, and for hearing and deciding appeals from local boards, and for calling and visiting county normal schools or teachers' institutes.

South Carolina Election.
DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION—*Christ Church Parish.*—Hon. Jacob Bond O'On, Dr. A. Toomer.
St. Paul's Parish.—(the Vote)—E. B. Scott, 84

ELECTION IN LEXINGTON.—We perceive that an error was made in the report of the election in Lexington, which we published before. The following is the state of the polls. The first three gentlemen are elected: Gen. H. Arthur, 626; Ray-

J. C. Hope, 595; Col. H. J. Caughman, 521; Jacob Wingard, 330; J. W. Lee, 156; J. C. Gier, 140; H. A. Meetze, 63; E. A. Seymour, 11.

DELEGATES FROM FAIRFIELD.—The *Charlotte Mercury* says: "The entire secession ticket is triumphant (in Fairfield district), consisting of Gov. Means, Gen. BUCHANAN, Gen. OWENS and Col. PEAY." The reader will not fail to observe

the remarkable fact that all these delegates are military men, three Generals and one Colonel—Gov. MEANS, whose secession principles now stand confessed, was a General before he was elected Governor, and now he is by virtue of his position *ex-officio* the commander-in-chief of the forces of the State. [Savannah Republican.

J. F. Livingston, John Garlington, George McCall,
George W. Pressley.
Kershaw.—John Cantey, Thomas Lang, L. J.
Patterson.
Lancaster.—John Williams, J. M. Doby, J. D.
McIlwain.

CITY COURT—Before Judge Greenwood and two Aldermen.—The trial of George Wilkes, the publisher of the *National Police Gazette*, for libel, was called on yesterday, but owing to the delay in empanelling a Jury the case was adjourned over until this day. The facts, which have been already published, are briefly these: On the 20th of last October, Wilkes published in his paper an article charging the Kidd Salvage Company with swindling C. C.

H. Carpenter out of several thousand dollars. Two members of that Company, Henry Sheldon and James Freeland are residents of Brooklyn, and on their complaint an indictment was found against the defendant on a charge of libel, for which he is now on trial before this Court. The Jury were fully empanelled on Thursday, so that the trial will proceed without further delay, but it will probably occupy several days.

DELAWARE LEGISLATION.—The Delaware Leg-

gislature has passed the "Bed Bill," and it is now a law. It exempts \$100 from execution or distress for rent, and goes into operation on the 1st of July next, but does not affect any existing contracts. The Free Negro Bill, providing for the sale of negroes out of the State who cannot pay fines for offences of which they are convicted, has been introduced into the House. The amendment

FISHING VESSELS.—There are now on the stock at Essex no less than seventeen fishing vessels, of from sixty to eighty tons burden, and of very beautiful models. Fourteen of them are for Gloucester, and their average value will exceed \$300,000.

ter, and their average value will exceed \$5,000 each. Several of them are nearly finished, and we believe the keel of not one was laid until after the first of November last. About as many more are contracted for, and will be finished the coming Spring. [Gloucester News.

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